

SOCIETY IN NORFOLK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 10.—A charming card party was given on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Ambrose Lindsay at her attractive home in Park View. The decorations of holly, with its bright red berries, and many candles, with dainty red papers and shades, bespoke the coming Christmas season. The tables were in the shape of bells, with a bunch of holly and a "Merry Christmas," and for each score was given a tiny little trolley bag of candy drops. Mrs. Frank Hope and Mrs. A. B. Carney gracefully distributed the little bags.

Miss Grace Boswell, who had not lost a game, was given a large, fancy trolley bag of candy drops, tied with ribbon.

Miss Patty Gregory gave another of her delightful informal teas Wednesday afternoon at her home on Ghent. Mrs. William M. Whaley and Miss Annie Henry assisted her in receiving, and among those who called were Mrs. Mary Marshall, Mrs. Harry Tyler, Mrs. Harry Bain, Miss Eliza Downer, Mrs. Warner T. Brooke, Misses Louise and Fannie Wilson, Miss Mary Paul Maul, Misses Alice and Gullie Verrell, Miss Bertha Adamson, of Richmond, Miss Elizabeth Conrad, of Winchester, Miss Nellie Little, Miss Anne Dornin, Miss Fannie Nottingham, Miss Lucy Lamb and Misses Elizabeth Whaley and Helen Smithers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon McCordy gave a most delightful card party Tuesday evening at their home on Boush Street. The first prize, a blotter, was won by Mrs. William Marshall, and the second, a handkerchief, was given to Mrs. William N. Waller, while Mrs. Dashiell drew the consolation, which was also a blotter. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan Puller, Mrs. William Marshall, Mrs. W. N. Waller, Mrs. Dashiell, Mrs. R. H. Baskin, of New York, Miss Susie Hitch, Miss Florence Smith, Mrs. Paul Howard, Mr. Tyler Smith, Mr. William C. Baker and Mr. Arthur Robertson.

Miss Mildred Kennett entertained several friends at her home on Botetourt Street Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Irma Bertrand, of New York. Five-hand euchre was played, and the prizes were awarded to Miss Linda Booker and Mr. W. Lane Kelly, Jr. Her guests were Miss Bertrand, Misses Hilda and Bessie Booker, of Hampton; Miss Lottie Hodges, Messrs. George and W. L. Kelly, Jr., Mr. Richard Waldron, Mr. Howard Culpeper, Mr. W. W. Day, Jr., and Mr. Gillman Kennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Reese entertained a few friends Monday evening at the Vendome in honor of Miss Henrietta Costin, of Pittsburg. There were two tables of bridge whist, and the prize, two packs of cards and a bridge score, was won by Miss Elizabeth Bowdoin. Some of those present were Miss Costin, Miss Bowdoin, Miss Lillian Kennett, Mr. Geo. Sargeant and Mr. H. M. Henry, Jr.

Mrs. Charles Webster entertained the members of the Bridge Whist Club and a few other friends Thursday afternoon at her home on Freemason Street. The prizes which were all handkerchiefs, were won by Mrs. C. Brooks Johnston, Mrs. Percy Reese, Mrs. Wallington Hardy and Mrs. R. B. Cooke. Mrs. Webster's guests were Mrs. Allan R. Hancek, Mrs. Hugh N. Page, Mrs. J. Leighton Hubbard, Mrs. C. B. Johnston, Mrs. Percy Reese, Mrs. Percy Stephenson, Mrs. Wallington Hardy, Mrs. Gordon Jones, Mrs. R. B. Cooke, Mrs. Middleton Elliot, Miss Louise Du Barry and Miss Alice Old.

Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart gave a supper at the Confederate bazaar Thursday evening, which was a most enjoyable occasion. Her guests were a number of her former pupils, who attended Stuart's school in Staunton.

Among those present were Mrs. W. W. Old, Mrs. William N. Waller, Mrs. R. W. Shults, Mrs. H. H. Little, Mrs. C. Logan, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Barr, Miss Marie Hume, Miss Urith Greene, Miss Hattie Tilghman, Miss Annie Hohlken, Miss Anne K. Henry and Misses Margaret and Alice Old.

Misses Antonio, Holliday and Julia Wells were at home informally Friday afternoon at their home on Colonial Avenue. Some of the callers were Mrs. S. A. Sutton, Mrs. Harry Myers, Mrs. E. B. Hodges, Mrs. Lavinia de Bordenave, Mrs. Edmund Ruffin, Mrs. Harry Tyler, Mrs. Hugh Davis, Mrs. Rolfe Wells, Miss Leta Serpell and Miss Anne Henry.

Mrs. Charles Hatch was hostess at a very charming card party given at her home on Duke Street. The game selected to be played was progressive euchre, and four tables were surrounded by players. Miss Susie Hitch was awarded the first prize, a sofa pillow, and the trophy was given to Miss Hattie Willis, of Cambridge, Md., while Mrs. Samuel Linthicum drew the consolation, a handkerchief case.

At the masque ball, given Tuesday evening in the ball room at the navy yard by the petty officers of the torpedo flotilla, Lieutenant John F. Marshall, U. S. N., led the opening figure. Lieutenant Marshall is in command of the flotilla.

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Now For the Christmas Buying in Earnest

WE claim for our Holiday Display general excellence in quality, great variety and most reasonable prices. Whatever your wants may be, we can meet them with beautiful and appropriate selections. This year finds us with a larger stock than ever—our prices are conceded the lowest in Richmond. From basement to roof we are ready with holiday merchandise.

Christmas in Jewelry Store

The Jewelry Store is always an attractive place, but never more so than at the Christmas season. To-morrow begins the Christmas season and the offerings are unusual.

Sterling Silver Hat Pins, in all possible designs; regular 50 cent, at 25c.

Bead Necklace, in turquoise, amber, amethyst, crystal and chrysopha; regular 50c, at 25c.

Festooned Necklaces, set with imitation turquoise, emerald, amethyst, topaz, garnet and pearls; regular \$1.25, at 75c.

Automobile Hat Pins, gray finish, short style; regular 50c, at 25c.

We have just received a complete line of Coin Jewelry, in Fobs, Hat Pins, Brooches and Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, etc., ranging from 25c to \$5.00.

Bead Necklaces, the fad of the hour; we have a large and varied collection from foreign and domestic manufacturers; we have them in Jade, Chrysopha, Coraline, Malachite, Azurine, Vulcan, Coral, Amber, Amethyst, Topaz and Turquoise, ranging from 25c to \$15.00.

Christmas Fancy Linens

Christmas is approaching and it makes you think of the necessity of looking for desirable presents. Japanese Drawn Work is one of the very popular things for a durable and pretty gift.

9x9 inch Japanese All-Linen Drawn Work Squares, each 25c.
18x18 inch Japanese All-Linen Drawn Work Squares, each 50c.
30x30 inch Japanese All-Linen Drawn Work Squares, each \$1.00 up.
9x9 Fringed Doilies, linen figured damask squares, per dozen 50c.
9x9 Hemmed Damask Doilies, per dozen, only 75c.
8x8 Hemmed Damask Doilies, per dozen, only \$1.25.
15x15 Linen Hemstitched Doilies and open work, per dozen \$1.25.

Special in Ladies' Neckwear

One well assorted lot Ladies' Stock Collars, in silk embroidery, in all colors, canvas cloth with ties, and Point Venise and Point Gaze; value 35c; sale Monday, each 25c.

Tourist Coat Sale

Great reduction sale of 42-inch Tourist Coats, of Scotch Mixtures and Mannish Cloths.

This season's most effective styles, and all tailored in the top notch of style.

42-inch Tourist Coats, full back, with belt, mannish mixtures, \$6.00 and \$6.00 garments reduced to \$3.50.

42-inch Tourist Coats, nobby cloths, velvet collars; some with the innerscape cape effect, belted backs, \$10.00 and \$7.50 coats reduced to \$7.50 and \$5.00.

42-inch Tourist Coats, best grade of Scotch mixtures; some plaid backs; this season's latest effects; \$10.00 and \$12.50 coats reduced to \$10.00.

Nine Exceptional Fur Bargains

Selected from thousands of styles and placed on sale for this week, which will undoubtedly tax our Fur Department to its utmost.

READ THE LIST CAREFULLY.

Genuine Black Marten Stole, self-lined, fastens with silk cord, finished with tails, tabs finished with three large tails, scarfs 80 inches long \$15.00.

Muffs to match \$15.00.

Gray Squirrel Flat Cape, with stole front, lined with heavy satin to match, silk cord to fasten, tabs finished with gray squirrel ornaments \$15.00.

Muffs to match \$12.50.

Sable, Opossum and Isabella Opossum Flat Stoles, satin lined, fastens with silk cord, tabs finished with six large tails \$10.00.

Muffs to match \$6.48.

Genuine Mink Pelerine, satin lined, trimmed with silk ornaments, fastens with silk girdle, finished with large full tails, \$25 \$15.00.

Muffs to match \$15.00.

The new Cravat Scarf, in sable, squirrel; two yards long, satin lined, at \$15.00.

Muffs to match \$12.50.

White Ermine Cravat Ties, finished with silk fringe, at \$7.50.

Muffs to match at \$10.00.

Double Scarfs, in Isabella and Sable Fox, selected skins, fastens with silk girdle and finished with brush or small tails, \$12.50 to \$40 \$7.50 to \$20.00.

Muffs to match, \$7.50 to \$20.00.

Single Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs, finished with large brush tails, \$7.48 and \$8.48.

Muffs to match, \$7.48 and \$8.48.

Children's Fur Sets, in White Angora, Ermine, Thibet, Squirrel, Brook Mink and other novelties, \$1.50 to \$10.00.

Christmas Gloves

We think of no popular priced articles for a woman's Christmas present so universally appropriate and acceptable as are neat and correctly styled Kid Gloves.

In selecting Kid Gloves from our imported line there is absolutely no risk of wrong selection of style or of imperfect stock. No old styles accumulate in the Thalhimers'; stocks come and go in quick succession, so freshness and newest effects may be depended upon.

Practical Gifts From the Haberdashery Store

NECKWEAR.

A special showing of holiday Neckwear at 50c. Four-in-Hand, Tecks, Bows and Ties. All white, all black and light, medium and dark patterns.

The finest imported Silks, 75c to \$2.50. Squares, Ascots and Four-in-Hands, rich and elegant patterns, white, black and fancy patterns.

SUSPENDERS.

A suggestive article from 50c to \$1.50. A beautiful array of plain and fancy silk webbing, mounted on sterling and gold buckles, each pair boxed specially for a gift.

BATH OR LOUNGING ROBES.

A gift for comfort and ease, special at \$5.00. Assorted patterns of rich colorings, made from blankets.

Turkish Terry Robes, for the bath, \$3.98, made with the regular hood and girdle.

Imported Patterns Blanket Robes, \$6.48.

MUFFLERS OR DRESS PROTECTORS.

Suggestive for a gift, special, \$1.00. The "Slag," made with a shawl collar, assorted quilt lining, of black barathra and peau de sole silks.

The popular shapes of the better Protector, \$1.25 to \$2.50. Made up, lined and unlined, of the best silks.

GLOVES

Will please any man. Special \$1.00. Heavy unlined cape, assorted tans, made with one F. and W. clasp, a special street or walking Glove.

Silk lined Mocha and Capes, \$1.50.

Heavy Wool Lined Gloves, for walking and driving, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Practical suggestions: Vests, \$1.25 to \$3.00, washable fabrics, white and fancy. Night Shirts.

Heavy Wool Fleece Gloves, for walking and driving, \$1 to \$1.50.

Outing Pajamas, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Women's Umbrellas

An advance order, placed, in midsummer, for Holiday Umbrellas gave us the most remarkable Umbrella values we've ever had. In this great stock three splendid umbrella values are prominent:

One lot—regular \$4.00 Umbrellas, at, each \$3.00.

One lot—regular \$6.50 to \$7.50 values, at, each \$5.00.

One lot—regular \$8.00 to \$10.00 values, at, each \$7.50.

Handles in silver, silver and pearl, silver and ivory, fine natural woods, mounted in silver or heavy gold plated, mounted pearl and ivory handles, pure silk, and eight-rib close rolling frames.

MEN'S UMBRELLAS—Equal values in Men's Umbrellas.

Year's Greatest Ribbon Sale

THE MOST TEMPTING PRICE CONCESSION.

It overshadows all previous like events. 500 pieces—5,000 yards of the popular Taffeta Ribbons. Vast throngs of women always attend the Thalhimers Ribbon Sales with greatest enthusiasm. These sales are distinctive events, and consequently they have become widely known.

500 Pieces—5,000 Yards of All Silk Taffeta Ribbon

3 1-2 and 4 inches wide, in staple shades—pink, light blue, navy, cardinal, cream and plenty of black and white; regular price 20c, 25c and 30c yard, for this sale and as long as they last, yard 12 1-2c.

THE WEEK IN STAUNTON.

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STAUNTON, VA., December 10.—Miss Annie Patrick proved a most enjoyable hostess Friday afternoon, when she, assisted by Miss Mary Arbuckle, entertained a large number of her friends at drive whist.

The spacious parlors had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The score was kept with firecrackers and Christmas cards. After a spirited and entertaining game supper was served.

Among the large number present were: Messdames W. M. Hilleary, G. D. Burritt, J. B. Pancaque, Charles P. Stearns, Victor L. Denny, H. H. Henkel, T. D. Ransom, A. H. Sprinkel and H. K. Clark, of Baltimore; Misses Helen Baxter, Anna Smith, Elizabeth Jones, Mary Berkeley, Florence Tyree, Corine Valz, Lucy Smith, Bessie Worthington, Elizabeth Clifton,

Sarah Robertson, Sue Robertson, Kate Hutcheson, Octavia Thompson, West Virginia; Edmonds Smith, Miss Hall, New York; Margaret Cochran, Margaret Timberlake, May Hanson, Kate Hoge, Janet Berkeley, Miss Robertson, Culpeper, Rose Harrison, Lizzie Cochran, Elsie Hamilton, Hattie Trout, Evelyn Dunbar, Nettie Smith, Adelaide Meyer, Louise Fontaine, Anna Berkeley and Louise Shend.

Miss Rose Harrison very delightfully entertained her friends at the beautiful home of her parents, Mrs. and Judge G. M. Harrison, on West Frederick Street, Tuesday afternoon. The parlor was prettily decorated, the color scheme being yellow. The game of the evening was progressive whist, which was played at five tables. A very unique method of keeping the scores was that

each player was presented with a miniature cedar Christmas tree, and every time the player won a game some Christmas article was hung on the winner's tree.

Some of those present were Misses Telen Baxter, Annie Patrick, Amy Catlett, Margaret Cochran, Bessie Baker, Florence Tyree, Kate Hoge, Mary Ransom, Anna Woodward, Emily Moore and Lizzie Cochran, and Messrs. Benjamin O. Blackford, Erskine Miller, Wallace McFarland, William Pilson, Lawrence Peyton, Joseph Cochran, Alexander Blackley, John D. Crowle, William Trout and John Cochran.

After the game refreshments were served.

The church workers of the Second Presbyterian church held a "Colonial Tea" in the lecture room of the church on Friday, from four to ten, at which a substantial menu and refreshments were served.

The vestry of Trinity Episcopal church held a meeting Wednesday evening and elected Mr. Joseph S. Cochran, junior

warden, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Thomas C. Elder.

At the meeting of Stenwell Jackson Camp, Confederate Veterans, this week Captain James Bumgardner read the poem, "A Lone Sentinel," after which reading Captain Bumgardner told of his personal knowledge of the affair.

All the present officers were nominated to serve another year. Commanders T. D. Ransom, H. M. McElhenny and T. C. Morton were appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade Major Thomas C. Elder. Commanders Bumgardner and Kerr were appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade Bryan. Comrade J. H. Waters read a letter from the commander of the Soldiers' Home at Richmond in regard to moving the body of Comrade Bryan to Staunton, his old home.

There was a recital given by the pupils of the Mary Baldwin Seminary in the chapel at the school Friday night, the subject being "An Open Secret." This was for the benefit of the King's Daughters' Hospital.

A large number of carpenters and workmen are now engaged in building a very large barracks at the Staunton Military Academy to take the place of those burned several weeks ago. The work is rapidly progressing and will soon be ready for the cadets to occupy. The new barracks will be much larger and an improvement on the old.

The new steam roller purchased by the city a short time ago at a cost of nearly \$3,400 has been put to test this week, and proves quite a success in making streets. The officials express themselves as highly pleased with the machine.

The announcement made this week of the engagement of Miss Ann Woodward to Mr. W. Mercereau, of this city, was received with much interest in society circles here, of which both parties are prominent and popular members. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Woodward and a young lady of many accomplishments and attractions.

Miss Mercereau is the junior member of Valley Tile and Lumber Company, of this city, and a very successful young business man. The wedding will take place December 22.

Miss Mamie Kavanaugh, who was operated on for appendicitis in Richmond a short while ago, arrived here Tuesday and is getting along well.

Mrs. Thomas D. Ransom went to Richmond this week where she was called on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Janette A. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Perry have returned from Baltimore.

Mrs. A. A. Wren is spending some time with her sister in Richmond.

Miss Amy Catlett has gone to Richmond.

Master Robert Lankford, who was operated on at the Memorial Hospital in Richmond recently for appendicitis, has returned home and looks well.

donsville. Mr. E. F. Faber, who has been quite sick for several weeks with malarial fever, is steadily improving.

Mrs. M. L. Faber and daughter, Mrs. A. R. Collins, are also improving.

Mr. Noble is much better at this writing. Mrs. Dr. A. C. Smith is improving.

Mr. V. J. Jordan is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Beckham, after a visit of ten days with relatives in Gordonsville and Louisa, have returned to their home in Greensboro, N. C.

Miss Fannie Murray has returned from a two months' visit to relatives in Charlottesville.

Mr. C. M. Slaughter is working with the Adams Express Company.

Miss Annie Sargeant has returned from an extended visit to friends in Washington.

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Mr. A. A. Moore, of Halifax, visited friends at Somerset and Gordonsville this week.

Mr. R. W. Harrison, who has been working at Orana, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Myrtle Riley, of Charlottesville, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Wingfield.

Misses Florence and Emma Thompson, of Clifton Forge, are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. James Wood, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is at his home here on a vacation.

Miss Alice Graves, daughter of Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves, of Spotsylvania county, visited Mrs. R. R. Powell this week. She is a student at Fawcetts Institute, Charlottesville.

The Barometer of Trade